# ROSTER 1955

Kansas City Athletics Inc.

# KANSAS CITY ATHLETICS., INC.

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| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Columbus, Ohio | International League | AAA |
| *Savannah, Ga. | South Atlantic League | A |
| *Lancaster, Pa. | Piedmont League | B |
| Hot Springs, Ark. | Cotton States League | C |
| Burlington, Vt. | Provincial League | C |
| Seminole, Okla. | Sooner State League | D |
| Welch, W. Va. | Appalachian League | D |

*Ownership

*A's Scouts*

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LOU BOUDREAU
*Manager Kansas City Athletics*

The announcement that Lou Boudreau had been signed to manage the Kansas City Athletics was hailed by all of baseball as real indication that the newest American League member meant to go after the best in its rebuilding program.

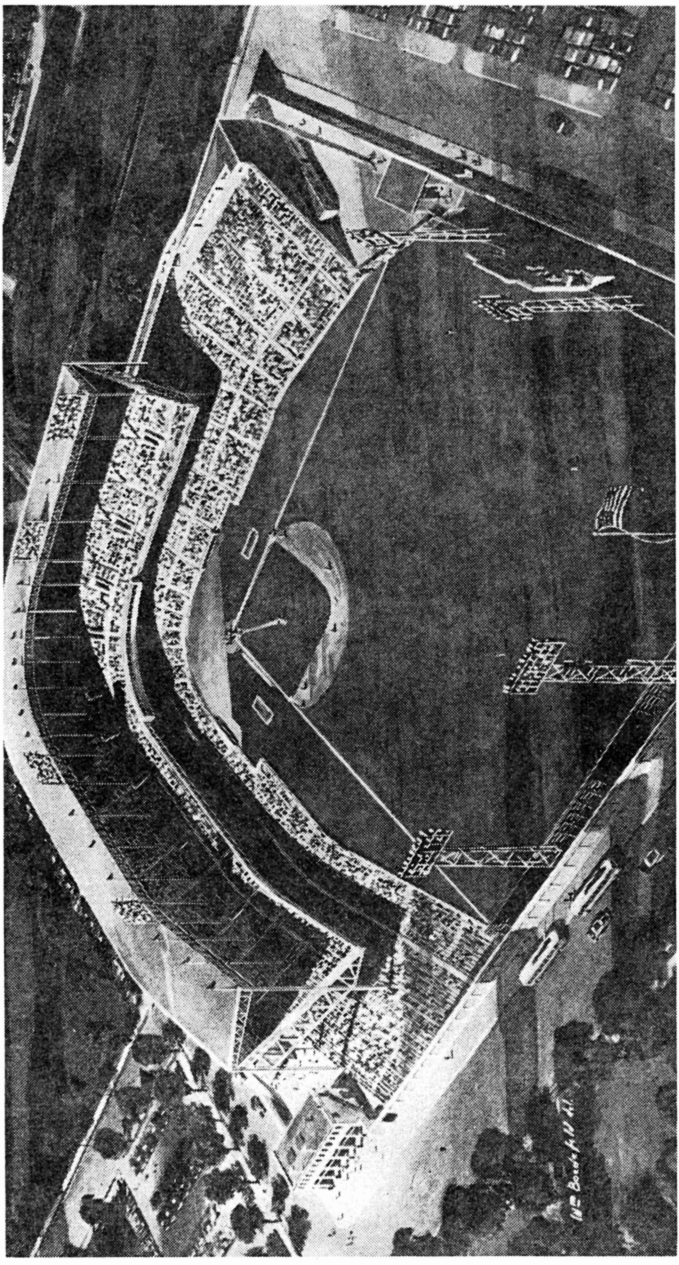
The A's will be the third big league club that Lou has piloted, Boudreau having managed Cleveland from 1942 through 1950 and the Boston Red Sox from 1952 through 1954.

Lou graduated from the University of Illinois in 1938 where he was an All-American basketball player. He spent less than a year in the minor leagues (with Cedar Rapids and Buffalo) before being instated as Cleveland's shortstop in 1939.

Boudreau was named manager in 1942 and in 1948, was not only named the American League's Most Valuable Player, but also skippered the Indians to an A. L. Flag and a World's Championship.

Lou established the American League fielding record for shortstops in 1944 and broke his own record in 1947. He tied the record for the highest fielding average by a shortstop in a World Series in 1948 fielding 1.000. He has established other records, too numerous to mention here.

Lou was born on July 17, 1917 at Harvey, Illinois and still makes his off season home there with his wife, Della, and their two children.



KANSAS CITY MUNICIPAL STADIUM

Kansas City, Missouri

Season Home of the A's

# Athletics' 1955 Schedule

## HOME GAMES

*Night Game (2) Doubleheader

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| April | 12 | Tues, 13 Wed ..... DETROIT |
| April | 18 | Mon*, 19 Tues ..... CLEVELAND |
| April | 22 | Fri*, 23 Sat, 24 Sun ..... CHICAGO |
| April | 26 | Tues*, 27 Wed ..... BOSTON |
| April | 28 | Thurs*, 29 Fri* ..... NEW YORK |
| May | 1 | Sun, 2 Mon* ..... WASHINGTON |
| May | 3 | Tues*, 4 Wed ..... BALTIMORE |
| May | 24 | Tues*, 25 Wed*, 26 Thurs ..... DETROIT |
| May | 27 | Fri*, 28 Sat*, 29 Sun ..... CLEVELAND |
| June | 1 | Wed (two - 2 pm, 8 pm), 2 Thurs* ..... NEW YORK |
| June | 3 | Fri*, 4 Sat, 5 Sun (2) ..... BOSTON |
| June | 6 | Mon*, 7 Tues*, 8 Wed*, 9 Thurs ..... WASHINGTON |
| June | 10 | Fri*, 11 Sat, 12 Sun (2) ..... BALTIMORE |
| July | 1 | Fri*, 2 Sat*, 3 Sun ..... DETROIT |
| July | 4 | Mon (2) ..... CHICAGO |
| July | 5 | Tues*, 6 Wed*, 7 Thurs ..... CLEVELAND |
| July | 14 | Thurs*, 15 Fri ..... BALTIMORE |
| July | 16 | Sat*, 17 Sun, 18 Mon ..... WASHINGTON |
| July | 19 | Tues*, 20 Wed*, 21 Thurs ..... BOSTON |
| July | 22 | Fri*, 23 Sat, 24 Sun (2) ..... NEW YORK |
| Aug | 9 | Tues*, 10 Wed*, 11 Thurs ..... CHICAGO |
| Aug | 12 | Fri*, 13 Sat*, 14 Sun ..... CLEVELAND |
| Aug | 23 | Tues*, 24 Wed ..... WASHINGTON |
| Aug | 25 | Thur*, 26 Fri*, 27 Sat ..... BALTIMORE |
| Aug | 28 | Sun, 29 Mon ..... BOSTON |
| Aug | 30 | Tues*, 31 Wed* ..... NEW YORK |
| Sept | 2 | Fri*, 3 Sat*, 4 Sun ..... DETROIT |
| Sept | 16 | Fri*, 17 Sat*, 18 Sun ..... CHICAGO |

## GAMES ON THE ROAD

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| April | 14 | Thurs ..... CHICAGO |
| April | 16 | Sat, 17 Sun ..... DETROIT |
| May | 6 | Fri*, 7 Sat, 8 Sun (2) ..... CLEVELAND |
| May | 10 | Tues*, 11 Wed ..... BALTIMORE |
| May | 12 | Thurs, 13 Fri*, 14 Sat ..... BOSTON |
| May | 15 | Sun (2) ..... NEW YORK |
| May | 17 | Tues*, 18 Wed ..... WASHINGTON |
| May | 20 | Fri*, 21 Sat, 22 Sun (2) ..... CHICAGO |
| May | 30 | Mon (2) ..... DETROIT |
| June | 14 | Tues, 15 Wed, 16 Thurs ..... BOSTON |
| June | 17 | Fri*, 18 Sat, 19 Sun (2) ..... WASHINGTON |
| June | 21 | Tues*, 22 Wed, 23 Thurs ..... NEW YORK |
| June | 24 | Fri*, 25 Sat, 26 Sun (2) ..... BALTIMORE |
| June | 28 | Tues, 29 Wed* ..... CLEVELAND |
| July | 8 | Fri*, 9 Sat, 10 Sun (2) ..... DETROIT |
| July | 26 | Tues*, 27 Wed*, 28 Thurs ..... WASHINGTON |
| July | 29 | Fri*, 30 Sat, 31 Sun (2) ..... NEW YORK |
| Aug | 2 | Tues*, 3 Wed*, 4 Thurs ..... BALTIMORE |
| Aug | 5 | Fri*, 6 Sat, 7 Sun ..... BOSTON |
| Aug | 16 | Tues*, 18 Thurs (2) ..... CHICAGO |
| Aug | 19 | Fri*, 20 Sat*, 21 Sun ..... CLEVELAND |
| Sept | 5 | Mon (2) ..... CLEVELAND |
| Sept | 7 | Wed, 8 Thurs ..... NEW YORK |
| Sept | 9 | Fri*, 10 Sat ..... WASHINGTON |
| Sept | 11 | Sun (2) ..... BALTIMORE |
| Sept | 13 | Tues, 14 Wed ..... BOSTON |
| Sept | 19 | Mon*, 20 Tues, 21 Wed ..... DETROIT |
| Sept | 23 | Fri*, 24 Sat, 25 Sun ..... CHICAGO |

General Admission $1.25. Grand Stand Reserved Seats $1.85. Box Seats $2.50 and $3.00 Children under 12 years 50c. GAME TIME: Single Games, Afternoon 2:00 PM; Night 8:00 P.M. Doubleheaders, Afternoon 1:30 PM; Night 6:30 PM.

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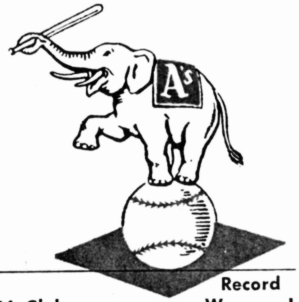


## Manager—Lou Boudreau
## Coaches—Oscar Melillo, Harry Craft and George Susce
## Trainer—Jim Ewell

| Name | Residence | Date of Birth | Ht. | Wt. | B | T | '54 Club | Record W | L |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **ON THE MOUND** | | | | | | | | | |
| Bishop, Charles | Atlanta, Ga. | 1/ 1/24 | 6'2" | 195 | R | R | Ottawa | 4 | 4 |
| | | | | | | | A's | 4 | 6 |
| Boyer, Cloyd | Alba, Mo. | 9/ 1/27 | 6'1" | 190 | R | R | Columbus | 2 | 3 |
| Burtschy, Ed | St. Bernard, Ohio | 4/18/23 | 6'3" | 208 | R | R | A's | 5 | 4 |
| Ceccarelli, Arthur | West Haven, Conn. | 4/ 2/30 | 6' | 190 | R | L | Birmingham | 15 | 12 |
| Craddock, Walter | Mt. Hope, W. Va. | 3/25/32 | 6' | 176 | R | L | Savannah | 12 | 8 |
| Ditmar, Art | Springfield, Mass. | 4/ 3/29 | 6'2" | 180 | R | R | A's | 1 | 4 |
| | | | | | | | Ottawa | 5 | 12 |
| Dixon, John | Charlotte, N. C. | 11/ 3/24 | 6'3" | 205 | R | R | Washington | 1 | 2 |
| | | | | | | | A's | 5 | 7 |
| Fricano, Marion | North Collins, N. Y. | 7/15/23 | 6' | 175 | R | R | A's | 5 | 11 |
| Grey, John | West Palm Beach, Fla. | 12/11/27 | 6'2" | 200 | R | R | Ottawa | 4 | 8 |
| | | | | | | | A's | 3 | 12 |
| Haag, Charles | St. Petersburg, Fla. | 9/ 7/19 | 5'10" | 175 | R | R | Ottawa | 5 | 2 |
| Kellner, Alex | Tucson, Arizona | 8/26/24 | 6' | 205 | R | L | A's | 6 | 17 |
| Oster, William | Northport, N. Y. | 1/ 2/33 | 6'3" | 196 | L | L | A's | 0 | 1 |
| Portocarrero, Arnold | Bethpage, N. Y. | 7/ 5/31 | 6'3" | 195 | R | R | A's | 9 | 18 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Raether, Harold | Madison, Wis. | 10/10/32 | 6'1" | 185 | R | R | Savannah | 1 | 2 |
| Shantz, Robert | Ambler, Pa. | 9/26/25 | 5'7" | 150 | R | L | A's | 1 | 0 |
| Spicer, Robert | Fayetteville, N. C. | 4/11/25 | 5'11" | 175 | L | R | Los Angeles | 13 | 16 |
| Trice, Robert | New Cumberland, W. Va. | 8/28/28 | 6'2" | 190 | R | R | A's | 7 | 8 |
| | | | | | | | Ottawa | 4 | 8 |
| VanBrabant, Camille | Berkley, Mich. | 9/28/28 | 6'1" | 165 | R | R | A's | 0 | 1 |
| | | | | | | | Ottawa | 3 | 6 |
| Wheat, Leroy | Edwardsville, Ill. | 9/15/29 | 6'4" | 205 | R | R | A's | 0 | 1 |
| | | | | | | | Ottawa | 8 | 11 |
| **BEHIND THE PLATE** | | | | | | | | | Av. |
| Astroth, Joe | Chalfont, Pa. | 9/ 1/22 | 5'10" | 187 | R | R | A's | | .221 |
| Robertson, Al | Peoria, Ill. | 1/29/28 | 5'10" | 185 | R | R | A's | | .184 |
| Shantz, Wilmer | Philadelphia, Pa. | 7/31/27 | 6'1" | 170 | R | R | A's | | .256 |
| **IN THE INFIELD** | | | | | | | | | |
| Bevan, Harold | New Orleans, La. | 11/15/30 | 6'2" | 182 | R | R | Ottawa | | .296 |
| Bollweg, Donald | Wheaton, Ill. | 2/12/22 | 6'1" | 175 | L | L | A's | | .224 |
| DeMaestri, Jos. | San Anselmo, Calif. | 12/ 9/28 | 6' | 174 | R | R | A's | | .230 |
| Finigan, James | Quincy, Ill. | 8/ 9/28 | 5'11" | 175 | R | R | A's | | .301 |
| Jacobs, Forest | Pennsville, N. J. | 11/ 4/25 | 5'9" | 155 | R | R | A's | | .258 |
| Limmer, Louis | Bronx, N. Y. | 3/10/27 | 6'2" | 190 | L | L | A's | | .231 |
| Littrell, Jack | Prospect, Ky. | 1/22/29 | 6' | 170 | R | R | Ottawa | | .231 |
| Lopez, Hector | Cristobel, Canal Zone | 7/ 8/32 | 5'11" | 174 | R | R | Ottawa | | .314 |
| Suder, Peter | Aliquippa, Pa. | 4/16/16 | 6' | 175 | R | R | A's | | .200 |
| **IN THE OUTFIELD** | | | | | | | | | |
| Power, Victor | San Juan, Puerto Rico | 11/ 3/30 | 6' | 170 | R | R | A's | | .255 |
| Renna, William | San Jose, Calif. | 10/ 4/26 | 6'2" | 220 | R | R | A's | | .232 |
| Taylor, Joseph | Pittsburgh, Pa. | 3/ 2/26 | 6'1" | 185 | R | R | Ottawa | | .318 |
| | | | | | | | A's | | .224 |
| Valo, Elmer | Palmerton, Pa. | 4/ 5/21 | 5'10" | 189 | L | R | A's | | .213 |
| Wilson, William | Long Beach, Calif. | 11/ 6/26 | 6'3" | 195 | R | R | Chicago (A) | | .171 |
| | | | | | | | A's | | .234 |
| Zernial, Gus E. | Inglewood, Calif. | 6/27/23 | 6'3" | 210 | R | R | A's | | .251 |

Robert Trice
Forest Jacobs
Arnold Portocarrero
Al Robertson
Alex Kellner
Marion Fricano
William Wilson
Louis Limmer
Leroy Wheat
Harold Bevan

John Gray
John Dixon
Wilmer Shantz
Floyd Boger
Donald Bollweg
Arthur Ceccarelli
William Oster
Camille Van Brabant
James Finigan
Elmer Valo
Jos. DeMaestri
Ed Burtschy

# Spring Training North Bound Itinerary

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Apr. | 1 | Lve. West Palm Beach S. A. L. | 10:55 PM |
| Apr. | 2 | Arv. Jacksonville Union Sta. | 7:30 AM |
| | | (occupy sleepers until) | 8:00 AM |
| Apr. | 2 | Lve. Jacksonville A.C.L. R.R. | 11:25 PM |
| Apr. | 2 | Arv. Savannah | 2:30 AM |
| | | (occupy sleepers until) | 8:00 AM |
| Apr. | 3 | Lve. Savannah Sou. R.R. (4th) | 12:40 AM |
| | | (sleepers open) | 9:30 PM |
| Apr. | 4 | Arv. Columbia | 4:25 AM |
| | | (occupy sleepers until) | 8:00 AM |
| Apr. | 4 | Lve. Columbia Sou. R.R. | 4:30 PM |
| Apr. | 5 | Arv. Winston — Salem | 7:55 AM |
| Apr. | 5 | Lve. Winston — Salem Sou. R.R. | 8:45 PM |
| Apr. | 6 | Arv. Fayetteville A.C.L. | 11:10 AM |
| Apr. | 7 | Lve. Fayetteville A.C.L. | 10:02 PM |
| Apr. | 8 | Arv. Norfolk N.&W. R.R. | 7:30 AM |
| Apr. | 8 | Lve. Norfolk N.&W. | 7:45 PM |
| Apr. | 8 | Arv. Richmond A.C.L. | 10:35 PM |
| Apr. | 8 | Lve. Richmond R.F.&P. | 10:50 PM |
| Apr. | 9 | Arv. Philadelphia 30th Sta. | 4:36 AM |
| | | (occupy sleepers until) | 8:00 AM |
| Apr. | 11 | Lve. Philadelphia T.W.A. | |

# Spring Training Hotels

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| Orlando, Fla. | The Angebilt |
| Tampa, Fla. | The Tampa Terrace |
| Sarasota, Fla. | The Sarasota Terrace |
| Jacksonville, Fla. | Hotel George Washington |
| Savannah, Ga. | The Savannah Hotel |
| Columbia, S. C. | Hotel Columbia |
| Winston — Salem, N. C. | Robert E. Lee Hotel |
| Fayetteville, N. C. | Prince Charles Hotel |
| Norfolk, Va. | The Monticello |
| Richmond, Va. | Hotel William Byrd |
| Philadelphia, Pa. | The Warwick |

# Athletics' Hotels During Season

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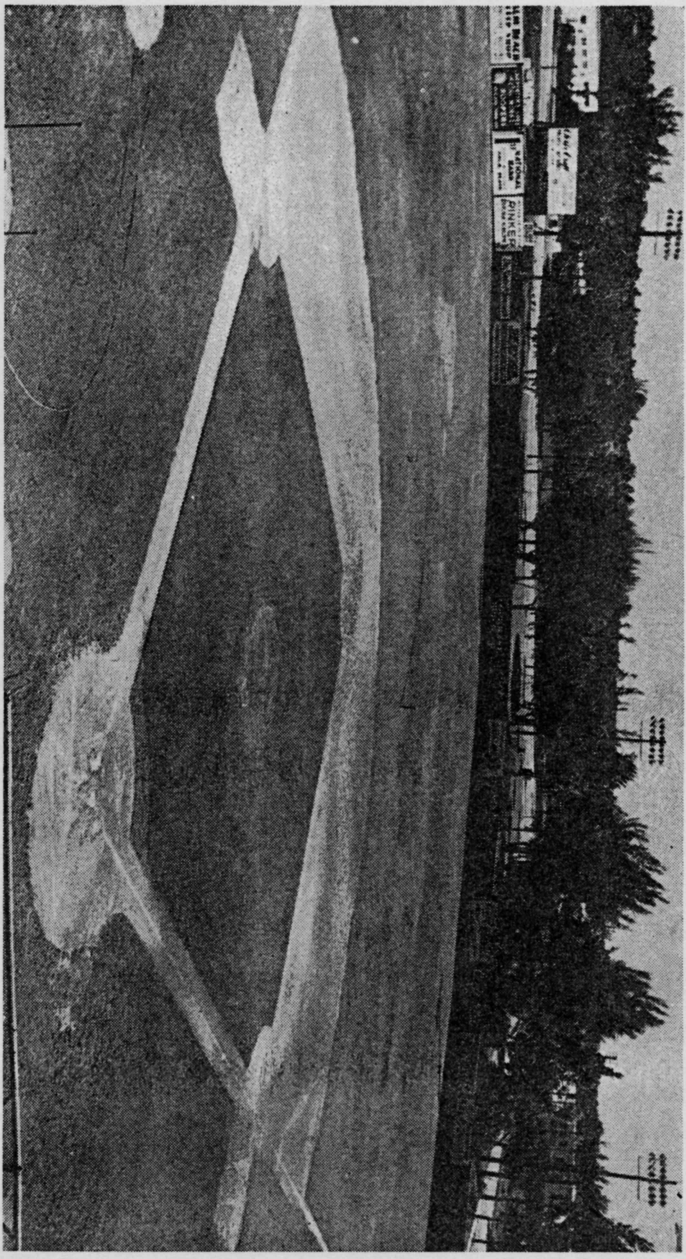
|---|---|
| Baltimore | Southern Hotel |
| Boston | Hotel Kenmore |
| Chicago | The Del Prado |
| Cleveland | Hotel Hollenden |
| Detroit | The Sheraton — Cardillac |
| New York | The Warwick |
| Washington D. C. | The Shoreham |



CONNIE MACK FIELD

West Palm Beach, Florida

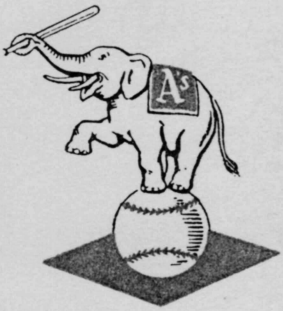
Spring Training Home of the A's

## SPRING TRAINING BASE

**West Palm Beach, Florida**

**Headquarters**

## GEORGE WASHINGTON HOTEL




## SCHEDULE

| Date | Team | Locale | Time |
|---|---|---|---|
| Thu. Mar. 10 | Pittsburgh | Fort Myers | 2:00 P.M. |
| Fri. Mar. 11 | Open | | |
| Sat. Mar. 12 | Washington | West Palm Beach | 2:00 P.M. |
| Sun. Mar. 13 | Washington | West Palm Beach | 2:00 P.M. |
| Mon. Mar. 14 | White Sox | West Palm Beach | 2:00 P.M. |
| Tue. Mar. 15 | Open | | |
| Wed. Mar. 16 | Detroit | Lakeland | 2:00 P.M. |
| Thu. Mar. 17 | White Sox | Tampa | 2:00 P.M. |
| Fri. Mar. 18 | Yankees | West Palm Beach | 2:00 P.M. |
| Sat. Mar. 19 | Washington | Orlando | 2:00 P.M. |
| Sun. Mar. 20 | Baltimore | Daytona Beach | 2:00 P.M. |
| Mon. Mar. 21 | Open | | |
| Tue. Mar. 22 | Brooklyn | West Palm Beach | 2:00 P.M. |
| Wed. Mar. 23 | Brooklyn | Vero Beach | 2:00 P.M. |
| Thu. Mar. 24 | Baltimore | West Palm Beach | 2:00 P.M. |
| Fri. Mar. 25 | Baltimore | West Palm Beach | 2:00 P.M. |
| Sat. Mar. 26 | Pittsburgh | Fort Myers | 2:00 P.M. |
| Sun. Mar. 27 | Red Sox | Sarasota | 1:30 P.M. |
| Mon. Mar. 28 | Detroit | West Palm Beach | 2:00 P.M. |
| Tue. Mar. 29 | Pittsburg | West Palm Beach | 2:00 P.M. |
| Wed. Mar. 30 | Open | | |
| Thu. Mar. 31 | Open | | |
| Fri. Apr. 1 | Break Camp | | |
| Sat. Apr. 2 | Jacksonville | Jacksonville, Fla. | 2:00 P.M. |
| Sun. Apr. 3 | Savannah | Savannah, Ga. | 2:00 P.M. |
| Mon. Apr. 4 | Columbia | Columbia, S. C. | 1:00 P.M. |
| Tue. Apr. 5 | Winston Salem | Winston Salem, N. C. | 2:00 P.M. |
| Wed. Apr. 6 | Fayetteville | Fayetteville, N. C. | 2:30 P.M. |
| Thu. Apr. 7 | Norfolk | Norfolk, Va. | 2:00 P.M. |
| Fri. Apr. 8 | Richmond | Richomnd, Va. | 2:00 P.M. |
| Sat. Apr. 9 | Phillies | Philadelphia, Pa. | 2:00 P.M. |
| Sun. Apr. 10 | Phillies | Philadelphia, Pa. | 2:00 P.M. |
| Mon. Apr. 11 | Open | | |

**Tues. Apr. 12 Opening Day 2:00 P.M.**

**Kansas City vs. Detroit**

**Kansas City Municipal Stadium**